

In the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

1 1. (canceled).

1 2. (canceled).

1 3. (currently amended) The expansion module of claim 11, wherein the computing host is a
2 portable host.

1 4. (currently amended) The expansion module of claim 11, wherein the computing host is a
2 PDA.

1 5. (currently amended) The expansion module of claim 11, wherein the MultiMediaCard card is
2 a removable memory.

1 6. (currently amended) The expansion module of claim 11, wherein the assembly is a first
2 removable expansion card and the MultiMediaCard card is a second removable
3 expansion card.

- 1 7. (currently amended) The expansion module of claim 6, wherein the first removable expansion
- 2 card nests within the computing host when attached thereto.

- 1 8. (currently amended) The expansion module of claim 11, wherein the I/O device is
- 2 permanently attached to the I/O interface.

- 1 9. (currently amended) The expansion module of claim 11, wherein the I/O device is removably
- 2 attached to the I/O interface.

1 10. (currently amended) An expansion module for use in conjunction with a removable
2 expansion card, an I/O device, and a computing host having an externally accessible first
3 expansion coupling, the expansion module comprising:
4 a CompactFlash card adapted to directly removably attach with the computing host via
5 the first expansion coupling, the CompactFlash card including a second
6 expansion coupling, adapter circuitry to manage data transfers with the
7 removable expansion card, and an I/O interface adapted to couple with the I/O
8 device;
9 wherein independent of the attachment of the CompactFlash card to the computing host,
10 the second expansion coupling is externally accessible and is adapted to directly
11 removably attach with the removable expansion card, the removable expansion
12 card nesting within the CompactFlash card when attached thereto; and
13 wherein the first externally accessible coupling and the second externally accessible
14 coupling are respectively a first-level coupling and a second-level coupling, the
15 expansion module is a first-level module adapted to couple to the computing host
16 via the first-level coupling, the removable expansion card is a second-level
17 module adapted to couple to the first-level module via the second-level coupling,
18 and the data transfers include transferring information between the first-level
19 module and the second-level module.

1 11. (currently amended) An expansion module for use in conjunction with a MultiMediaCard
2 card, an I/O device, and a computing host having an externally accessible first expansion
3 coupling, the expansion module comprising:
4 an assembly adapted to directly removably attach with the computing host via the first
5 expansion coupling, the assembly including a second expansion coupling,
6 adapter circuitry to manage data transfers with the MultiMediaCard card, and an
7 I/O interface adapted to couple with the I/O device;
8 wherein independent of the attachment of the assembly to the computing host, the second
9 expansion coupling is externally accessible and is adapted to directly removably
10 attach with the MultiMediaCard card, the MultiMediaCard card nesting within
11 the assembly when attached thereto; and
12 wherein the first externally accessible coupling and the second externally accessible
13 coupling are respectively a first-level coupling and a second-level coupling, the
14 expansion module is a first-level module adapted to couple to the computing host
15 via the first-level coupling, the MultiMediaCard card is a second-level module
16 adapted to couple to the first-level module via the second-level coupling, and the
17 data transfers include transferring information between the first-level module and
18 the second-level module.

1 12. (currently amended) The expansion module of claim 11, wherein:
2 the first expansion coupling includes a first slot; and
3 the second expansion coupling includes a second slot.

1 13. (currently amended) The expansion module of claim 11, wherein the I/O interface is adapted
2 to couple to an antenna external to the assembly.

1 14. (currently amended) The expansion module of claim 11, wherein the I/O interface is adapted
2 to couple to a communications link external to the assembly.

1 15. (currently amended) The expansion module of claim 11, wherein the I/O interface is adapted
2 to couple to a communications subsystem external to the assembly.

1 16. (currently amended) The expansion module of claim 11, wherein the I/O interface is coupled
2 to a receiver.

1 17. (currently amended) The expansion module of claim 11, wherein the I/O interface includes a
2 telephone interface.

1 18. (currently amended) The expansion module of claim 11, wherein the I/O interface includes
2 an antenna interface.

1 19. (currently amended) The expansion module of claim 11, wherein the I/O interface includes a
2 network interface.

1 20. (currently amended) The expansion module of claim 11, wherein the I/O interface includes a
2 serial interface.

1 21. (new) The expansion module of claim 11, wherein the assembly is a CompactFlash card.

1 22. (new) An expansion module for use in conjunction with at least one removable expansion
2 card, an I/O device, and a computing host having an externally accessible first expansion
3 coupling, each removable expansion card being of one of a plurality of card types, the
4 expansion module comprising:
5 an assembly adapted to directly removably attach with the computing host via the first
6 expansion coupling, the assembly including a second expansion coupling,
7 adapter circuitry to manage data transfers with the at least one removable
8 expansion card, and an I/O interface adapted to couple with the I/O device;
9 wherein independent of the attachment of the assembly to the computing host, the second
10 expansion coupling is externally accessible and is adapted to directly removably
11 attach with the at least one removable expansion card, the at least one removable
12 expansion card nesting within the assembly when attached thereto; and
13 wherein the first externally accessible coupling and the second externally accessible
14 coupling are respectively a first-level coupling and a second-level coupling, the
15 expansion module is a first-level module adapted to couple to the computing host
16 via the first-level coupling, the at least one removable expansion card is a
17 second-level module adapted to couple to the first-level module via the second-
18 level coupling, the data transfers include transferring information between the
19 first-level module and the second-level module, and the expansion module is
20 adapted for use with at least a MultiMediaCard card type of the plurality of card
21 types.

1 23. (new) The expansion module of claim 22, wherein the computing host is a portable host.

- 1 24. (new) The expansion module of claim 22, wherein the computing host is a PDA.
- 1 25. (new) The expansion module of claim 22, wherein the at least one removable expansion card
2 is a removable memory.
- 1 26. (new) The expansion module of claim 22, wherein the assembly is a first removable
2 expansion card and the at least one removable expansion card is a second removable
3 expansion card.
- 1 27. (new) The expansion module of claim 26, wherein the first removable expansion card nests
2 within the computing host when attached thereto.
- 1 28. (new) The expansion module of claim 22, wherein the I/O device is permanently attached to
2 the I/O interface.
- 1 29. (new) The expansion module of claim 22, wherein the I/O device is removably attached to
2 the I/O interface.

1 30. (new) The expansion module of claim 22, wherein:

2 the first expansion coupling includes a first slot; and

3 the second expansion coupling includes a second slot.

1 31. (new) The expansion module of claim 22, wherein the I/O interface is adapted to couple to

2 an antenna external to the assembly.

1 32. (new) The expansion module of claim 22, wherein the I/O interface is adapted to couple to a

2 communications link external to the assembly.

1 33. (new) The expansion module of claim 22, wherein the I/O interface is adapted to couple to a

2 communications subsystem external to the assembly.

1 34. (new) The expansion module of claim 22, wherein the I/O interface is coupled to a receiver.

1 35. (new) The expansion module of claim 22, wherein the I/O interface includes a telephone

2 interface.

1 36. (new) The expansion module of claim 22, wherein the I/O interface includes an antenna
2 interface.

1 37. (new) The expansion module of claim 22, wherein the I/O interface includes a network
2 interface.

1 38. (new) The expansion module of claim 22, wherein the I/O interface includes a serial
2 interface.

1 39. (new) The expansion module of claim 22, wherein the assembly is a CompactFlash card.

1 40. (new) The expansion module of claim 10, wherein the computing host is a portable host.

1 41. (new) The expansion module of claim 10, wherein the computing host is a PDA.

1 42. (new) The expansion module of claim 10, wherein the removable expansion card is a
2 removable memory.

1 43. (new) The expansion module of claim 10, wherein the CompactFlash card is a first
2 removable expansion card and the removable expansion card is a second removable
3 expansion card.

1 44. (new) The expansion module of claim 43, wherein the first removable expansion card nests
2 within the computing host when attached thereto.

1 45. (new) The expansion module of claim 10, wherein the I/O device is permanently attached to
2 the I/O interface.

1 46. (new) The expansion module of claim 10, wherein the I/O device is removably attached to
2 the I/O interface.

1 47. (new) The expansion module of claim 10, wherein:
2 the first expansion coupling includes a first slot; and
3 the second expansion coupling includes a second slot.

1 48. (new) The expansion module of claim 10, wherein the I/O interface is adapted to couple to
2 an antenna external to the CompactFlash card.

- 1 49. (new) The expansion module of claim 10, wherein the I/O interface is adapted to couple to a
- 2 communications link external to the CompactFlash card.
- 1 50. (new) The expansion module of claim 10, wherein the I/O interface is adapted to couple to a
- 2 communications subsystem external to the CompactFlash card.
- 1 51. (new) The expansion module of claim 10, wherein the I/O interface is coupled to a receiver.
- 1 52. (new) The expansion module of claim 10, wherein the I/O interface includes a telephone
- 2 interface.
- 1 53. (new) The expansion module of claim 10, wherein the I/O interface includes an antenna
- 2 interface.
- 1 54. (new) The expansion module of claim 10, wherein the I/O interface includes a network
- 2 interface.

1 55. (new) The expansion module of claim 10, wherein the I/O interface includes a serial
2 interface.

1 56. (new) The expansion module of claim 10, wherein the removable expansion card is a
2 MultiMediaCard card.